

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/573,591	<b>Examiner:</b>	Ives J. WU
<b>Filing Date:</b>	March 27, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	1797
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<b>For:</b>	<b>IMPROVED METHOD FOR SEPARATING GASSES FROM A GAS MIXTURE AND DEVICE FOR APPLYING SUCH A METHOD</b>		

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION  
OF MAY 22, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated May 22, 2009 in the above application.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement and the appropriate fee are concurrently filed herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Specification

An amendment to the specification is shown in the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.